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VIENNA FOR UNIDO; GENEVA FOR ECOSOC DEL - RAY REIMER

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TAGS: UNIDO, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR UNIDO; NEXT ROUND
OF NEGOTIATIONS ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION; MINISTERIAL
REPRESENTATIVE AT UNIDO FORUM

REF: STEINER-LEARY TELECON OF JULY 10, 1978

1. NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR UNIDO - WE BELIEVE THAT
THE INDIVIDUAL WHO REPLACES KHANE, WHOSE TERMS EXPIRES
AT THE END OF 1978, SHOULD BE AN ABLE AND DYNAMIC
ADMINISTRATOR WHO HAS AN INDEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF
INDUSTRIALIZATION ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE LDCS. ONE
POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE AN INDUSTRIALIST (POSSIBLY RETIRED)
FROM A DEVELOPED COUNTRY OR AN ADVANCED LDC WHO HAS
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WORKED WITH COUNTRIES WITH MARKET ECONOMIES, SOCIALIST
ECONOMIES, AS WELL AS LDCS. WHILE WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC
CANDIDATE IN MIND, UNIDO NEEDS TO IMPROVE ITS CREDIBILITY
IN ORDER TO GET THE SUPPORT IT SO BADLY NEEDS IF IT IS TO
PLAY THE ROLE FOR WHICH IS WAS FOUNDED. WE DO NOT BELIEVE
THAT THERE IS ANY STIPULATION THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MUST BE FROM AN LDC. WOULD LIKE BOTH LEARY AND REIMER

COMMENTS ON ANY POSSIBLE CANDIDATES BEING CONSIDERED.

2. UNIDO CONSTITUTION - THE QUESTION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION FOR UNIDO, MAKING IT A SPECIALIZED AGENCY, WAS REFERRED TO

THE UNGA AT THE END OF THE FEBRUARY-MARCH CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW YORK. THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE DURING THE 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADING TO A RECONVENING OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY WHERE A FINAL DOCUMENT WOULD BE SIGNED OR WHETHER A TWO PART PLENIPOTENTIARY, I.E. A TECHNICAL/EXPERT MEETING TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MINISTERIAL MEETING, SHOULD BE RECONVENED SOMETIME IN 1979. THERE MAYBE OTHER SCENARIOS AND DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE LEARY/REIMER RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. FOR LEARY: UNIDO FORUM ON APPROPRIATE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY HAS INVITED INDIVIDUALS TO A MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN AT WHAT LEVELS OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ARE SENDING DELEGATIONS.

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